

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN DEFENCE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the defence production has been opened to the private sector with FDI upto 26%; and
- (b) if so, the names of the States which have been identified for creation of Defence Industrial Base under the Government and private sector capable of producing world class equipment with highly competitive prices?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Identification of specific states for this purpose is not considered necessary, as a variety of factors are taken into account by the investor when an investment decision is taken.